under the Ministry of Home Affairs, no case of offence has been reported, during 2001 to 2004, under the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 by any of the States/Union Territories. During 2005, one case under the said Act has been reported by Rajasthan, which has been charge-sheeted and is pending trial. Information for the year 2005 has not been received by NCRB from Bihar, Jharkhand and Manipur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Search of lost children

†3948. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission has issued a report on the lost children in which it has been stated that every year about 11,000 children are lost in our country;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to search these children and to make provision for their education and for their employment; and

(c) whether Government have made any plan to rehabilitate those children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the report titled "Trafficking in women and Children in India" on the basis of a study commissioned by National Human Rights Commission, on an average, 44,476 children go missing every year of which 11,008 remain untraced annually.

(b) and (c) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) developed Talash System at national level assists in searching/co-ordinating missing/ kidnapped persons including children on the basis of monthly reports received from State Union Territory Police. As per section 2(d)(v) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, missing and runaway children are defined as children in need of care protection. Such children are brought before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) constituted for every district or a group of districts. The CWC after

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conducting enquiry of these children provide for their rehabilitation. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is supporting the Childline service across the country which provides emergency relief to children in distress including the missing children. The organizations implementing the childline service produce the child before the CWC, make efforts for restoration of such children with their families and in the alternate, refer them to institutions run by Government/Non-Government Organizations for their care including provisions of food, shelter, education, vocational training to increase employability etc.

Trafficking of Girls in Haryana

3949. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that girls are being sold in different parts of Haryana; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to prevent such criminal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per the information received from Government of Haryana, the Government is aware that some girls are brought from other States to Haryana for marriage purposes. The Government has got information in six cases where the girls were either minors or were brought against their wishes. In these cases action has been taken as per the law.

Schemes for Women and Children

3950. SHRI S. S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing Central schemes for the welfare of women and children in the country;

(b) the methods used to inform women about the existence of schemes meant for them;

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